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Bill 234

An Act to amend the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act, 2002 in respect of police officers who have taken their own lives as a consequence of being in the line of duty

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2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent





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His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 The Preamble to the *Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act*, 2002 is amended by adding the following paragraph after the second paragraph:

In the years since the enactment of this Act, there has been increased recognition that being in the line of duty can have a negative impact on the mental health and well-being of Ontario's police officers.

2 Section 1 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Power of Legislative Assembly

1 The Legislative Assembly may, by resolution, name bridges and other structures on the King's Highway in memory of police officers who have died in the line of duty or have taken their own lives as a consequence of being in the line of duty.

Commencement

3 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

4 The short title of this Act is the Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Amendment Act (In Memory of Officers Impacted by Traumatic Events), 2024.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill re-enacts section 1 of the *Highway Memorials for Fallen Police Officers Act*, 2002 to provide that the Legislative Assembly may, by resolution, name bridges and other structures on the King's Highway in memory of police officers who have taken their own lives as a consequence of being in the line of duty.